





# THE COMMONWEALTH.

## KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE.

### IN SENATE.

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 1856.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Lancaster, of the Catholic Church.

Mr. CILLIS presented the affidavit of Wm. A. Dozier of Knox county, relating to his claim against the State for guarding a criminal under sentence of death: referred to the committee on Finance.

### BANK OF ASHLAND.

On motion of Mr. BULLOCK the Senate took up the bill to establish the Bank of Ashland, the question being upon concurring in the amendments of the House of Representatives thereto. The amendments were concurred in, except the one which makes the stockholders responsible for twice the amount of their stock, which was rejected.

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On motion of Mr. CONKLIN leave of absence for a few days was granted to Mr. HOWELL.

### CHANCERY COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

Upon special leave first by Mr. KING, Mr. WADSWORTH from a select committee, reported a bill to establish the office of Chancellor in the first Judicial District: ordered to be printed and made the special order for to-morrow.

### RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. WADSWORTH offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That a committee of thirteen, one from each district proposed to be established by Senate bill, No. 145, be raised and instructed to bring in a bill prescribing the number of Judicial days, and the times of holding the Circuit Courts in each of the counties of this Commonwealth.

Resolved, That said committee may report at any time.

The SPEAKER immediately announced the following committee under the resolution: Messrs. King, Buckner, Coulkin, Edwards, Harlan, Blain, Ripley, Huggan, DeCourcy, Wadsworth, Vois, Gillis and Irvine.

Mr. KOHLHASS offered the following:

Whereas, the Legislature in honor of the memory of their illustrious dead, a sacred duty of Republics, imposed upon it a just and sound policy; and whereas, Kentucky has failed to distinguish by a public burial the remains of Governor James CLARK, one of her noblest citizens, and once her chief magistrate, eminent as a statesman and jurist: Therefore,

Resolved, That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do cause to be erected, at the expense of the State, a suitable monument over his remains; and that the Governor be, and he is hereby authorized and requested to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

Mr. KOHLHASS moved to fill the blank with five hundred dollars.

Mr. BULLOCK suggested "not to exceed five hundred."

Mr. KOHLHASS accepted the suggestion, and the amendment thus modified was adopted.

The resolution was then adopted—yeas, 30; nays, 4.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

The SPEAKER presented a response from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in relation to a settlement with the late Keeper of the Penitentiary: ordered to be printed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—COMMON SCHOOL LAWS.

The joint resolution heretofore offered by Mr. KING, directing that the laws relating to Common Schools be printed in pamphlet form, under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and by him distributed to School Commissioners, came up, and was adopted.

RECONSIDERATION.

The bill to require lands to be listed in the counties in which they lay, and the vote upon the passage of which was reconsidered yesterday, was taken up.

Messrs. MATTHEWSON, WADSWORTH, SIDDUTH and HAY spoke in favor of the bill, and Messrs. HOGAN, BUCKNER and CONKLIN in opposition to it.

Mr. McFARLAND said he had no special hostility to the bill, and the discussion had rather inclined him to vote for it.

Mr. D. HOWARD SMITH moved to amend so that the bill shall take effect on the first day of January, 1857.

Mr. CAVAN also opposed the bill.

On motion of Mr. MATTHEWSON, the bill and amendment were then referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. BULLOCK, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill from the H. R. reserving power to repeal charters and other laws: passed.

Also—a bill from the H. R. to increase the fees of jailers: passed.

Also—a bill from the H. R., repealing the law extending the powers of the municipal authorities of the town of Lawrenceburg, with the opinion that it ought not to be rejected.

Also—a bill from the H. R. for the benefit of Richard Taylor and his adopted daughter, Mary Richard Taylor: passed.

Also—a bill to incorporate the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Female College: passed.

Also—a bill to increase the power and jurisdiction of the Mayor of Newport: passed.

Also—a bill to incorporate Mount Eden Lodge, No. 263, of Free and Accepted Masons, in Spencer county.

A discussion ensued as to the propriety of passing such bills as this, which were believed to be provided for by the general law.

Mr. WADSWORTH then spoke at some length in favor of the substitute, and in reply to arguments which had been urged against it.

On motion of Mr. McFARLAND, it was then ordered that the vote upon the resolutions and substitute be taken to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

And then the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 1856.

Prayer by the Rev. James M. Lancaster, of the Catholic Church.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message was received from the Senate, announcing that they had passed a bill which originated in this House, entitled, an act to amend the charter of the Louisville and Frankfort Railroad Company, with an amendment.

That they had passed a bill, entitled, an act to divide the State into thirteen Judicial Districts.

Mr. BOHANNON presented the remonstrance of sundry citizens of Hart county, against the changing of the county line of said county: referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. J. JONES presented the petition of sundry citizens of Greenup and Lewis counties, praying the formation of a new county: referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. M. J. COOK presented the petition of citizens of Rockcastle county, praying for the passage of a law incorporating Penick College, in said county: referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. TEVIS presented a petition praying for the incorporation of Bland Ballard Lodge, No. 48, I. O. O. F.: referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BODLEY presented the remonstrance of property holders on Jefferson and 13th streets, in Louisville, against the extension of the Portland Railroad through said streets: referred to the committee on Internal Improvement.

Mr. MAHAN presented the petition of John S. Smith, praying compensation for teaching in Common School District, No. 11, in Whitley county: referred to the committee on Education.

LEAVE TO BRING IN BILLS.

Leave was given to bring in the following bills, which were appropriately referred, viz:

Mr. CECIL—a bill for the benefit of Nicholas Combs, late sheriff of Perry county.

Mr. SPEER—a bill to amend an act, entitled, an act to incorporate the Lexington and Frankfort Railroad Company.

Mr. THURMAN—a bill for the benefit of J. T. Miller.

Mr. R. JONES—a bill to incorporate Ponce Lodge, No. 328, of Ancient York Free and Accepted Masons.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. WINN—Claims—a bill for the benefit of E. C. Ashcraft: passed.

Same—a bill for the benefit of John S. Shook: passed.

Same—a bill for the benefit of Wenden Kendall: passed.

Same—a bill for the benefit of Littleton Hlein: rejected—yeas, 27; nays, 37.

Mr. LEE—Claims—to whom was referred the petition of Geo. H. Hyson, and a bill for the benefit of Wm. Mannin, were discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Same—a bill for the benefit of Thomas W. Pickering, late sheriff of Caldwell county: passed.

Same—a bill for the benefit of John L. Jenkins, late sheriff of Henry county: further consideration of said bill was postponed until to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

Same—a bill for the benefit of Capt. George Early, reported said bill, with a substitute for the same.

[The original bill appropriates the sum of \$500 to Capt. Early, to pay him for the loss of a steamer on Green river, owing to a defect in some of the public works upon said river. The substitute authorizes him to bring suit in the Jefferson Circuit Court for the recovery of said loss, and if he obtain a judgment, it is the duty of the Auditor to issue his warrant on the Treasury for the amount of said judgment.]

Mr. J. M. FOGLE offered an amendment, allowing either party to take an appeal to the Court of Appeals, which was adopted.

Messrs. WHITELEY and PHIL LEE advocated the adoption of the substitute, and Messrs. McFLOY and RICHARDSON opposed it.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the substitute, and it was decided in the negative—yeas, 20; nays, 55.

Mr. WHITELEY moved to fill the blank in the original bill by inserting \$3,000, which was rejected.

The bill was then recommitted to the committee on Claims.

RECONSIDERATION.

Mr. L. ANDERSON moved to reconsider the vote by which a bill from the Senate, for the benefit of Philip B. Thompson was rejected, which motion prevailed.

On motion, the committee rose and reported the resolutions and substitute to the House without amendment, and the further consideration of the subject was postponed until Friday next.

REPORT FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. JAMES—Judiciary—a bill for the benefit of Justice District, No. 3, in Kenton county: passed.

Same—a bill for the benefit of Edmund M. Chestnut, of Laurel county: passed.

Same—a bill to amend the charter of the Dry Creek and Covington Turnpike Road Company: passed.

Same—a bill from the Senate allowing a change of venue in certain cases, reported the same with an amendment: amendment concurred in, and the bill passed.

Same—a bill to incorporate the Savings Bank of Kenton, reported the same with amendment: amendment concurred in at 10 o'clock passed.

Same—a bill from the Senate to incorporate the Buena Vista Springs Company: passed.

Same—a bill to amend an act to reduce into one the several acts relating to the town of Bowlinggreen: passed.

Mr. BRUCE—same committee—a bill to amend the charter of the town of Alexandria, in Campbell county: passed.

Same—a bill from the Senate, creating the office of Police Judge in the town of Wyoming, in Bath county, reported the same with an amendment: amendment concurred in, and the bill passed.

Same—a bill from the Senate, authorizing the sale of certain alleys in the town of Prestonsburg, Floyd county, reported the same with an amendment: amendment concurred in, and the bill passed.

Same—a bill for the benefit of the estate of R. W. Warring, deceased, late sheriff of Greenup county: passed.

Same—a bill for the benefit of William Corwin, clerk of the Greenup Circuit and County Courts: passed.

SENATE BILLS.

An act to legalize the proceedings of a special term of the Harlan County Court: passed.

An act to authorize the railroad tax collector in McCracken county, to appoint one or more deputies: passed.

An act for the benefit of Edwin Trimble, late clerk of Floyd county: amended and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

An act to divide the State into thirteen judicial districts.

Mr. HANSON moved that the bill have its third reading to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

After some discussion, in which Messrs. HANSON, SMEDLEY, HEWITT, MENZIES, and L. ANDERSON took part, Mr. MONTGOMERY moved the previous question, which motion was adopted—yeas, 47; nays, 36.

The question was then taken on ordering the bill to have its third reading to-morrow at 11 o'clock, and it was decided in the affirmative—yeas, 46; nays, 37.

And then the House adjourned.

THE following interesting communication is from the pen of Dr. SROOK, of Troy, New York, one of the committee of the National Medical Society, upon the subject of hydrophobia, and now on a visit to the Kentucky State Medical Society, in session in Frankfort:

For the Commonwealth.

A few days since we noticed, under the head of legislative proceedings, the introduction of a bill to foster and protect the interest of sheep husbandry in Kentucky, by diminishing the number and restraining the liberty of dogs. To prevent the ravages of these predatory animals among sheep, such a law is much needed; but there is another and paramount reason, aside from the pecuniary interest of the wool-grower, why such a law should be enacted. It is well known that dogs are so peculiarly liable to hydrophobia, that the disease has, from the earliest ages, been supposed to have originated in that animal; and for that reason was called "canine madness"; and the bite of a "mad dog" in many cases produces the same horrid disease in man, as well as in sheep, swine, and other animals; and that the disease (with rare and doubtful exceptions) has hitherto never been cured. In proportion, therefore, to the incalculable value of human life, compared with that of the brute, does the enactment of the proposed law become necessary.

The importance of this subject has lately attracted the attention it so much deserves, from the medical profession; and a committee of the American Medical Association have now in course of preparation a report, to be presented at the next meeting of that body, which will exhibit a mass of facts and statistics that should convince all of the necessity of legislation on this subject, not only for the protection of sheep in the rural districts, but what is immeasurably more important, for the protection of human life, in cities as well as in the country.

Without intending to anticipate the forthcoming report, it may be confidently asserted that it will lead to the following conclusions:

1st. That hydrophobia is not indigenous or peculiar to any country, climate, or season of the year, although (contrary to popular opinion) it occurs most frequently in cold countries, or during autumn, winter, and spring, in temperate regions. It prevails most in the northern countries of Europe, and in the northern States of this Union, while it is unknown in Syria, Egypt, and other tropical countries. There was not a single case in the Island of Jamaica for a period of fifty years, and then it was introduced by dogs from the United States.

2d. That the disease in man is always produced (and generally in brutes) by the bite of a dog, or other animal.

3d. That no age or sex is exempt from the disease, when exposed to its cause.

4th. That the bite of a ferocious dog, infurated to madness by any sudden provocation, may produce hydrophobia, even if the animal at the time of the bite is in health.

5th. That the danger of hydrophobia is in proportion to the number of dogs in a community, and hence it is fair to conclude that hydrophobia would cease on the extinction of the canine race.

TELEGRAPHIC.

WE are interested to notify the public that on and after the first of February, 1856, all dispatches must be paid for in advance, and no longer by the way of cash payment will be required of all without exception, all others will be promptly refused.

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Jan. 19, 1856. J. A. ROJMAN, Com'r.

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